

[Lbne-bnl-l] Budget

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I did some quick analysis of the President's budget request.

First the good news.

LBNE has now received \$45M in the budget request. This is good, but lower than what I had hoped for (\$55M). It could be that by the time congress gets into it, it could go up. (More about that later).

The better news is that

It now explicitly has construction money for LBNF/DUNE. This is new from the president.

As a note, I want to make sure our group gets congratulations for making sure the US has a project that is worthy. Congratulations to you all ! You deserve it much more than anyone else.

As the budget goes to congress, congress is going to ask a key question: where are the international partners ? If the answer is positive about some more commitments then the numbers could go up. There is not much that we can do about this. It was hoped that we would get a bump of \$50M, but it appears to have been whittled down to \$23M. I suspect this is to pressure us to get the partners to commit. But this is now up to DOE and FNAL.

Now some not so good news. It is clear that the research part of the budget is being kept flat to a painful level. But I believe good financial management on our part will keep us in decent shape. There will be pain across the collaboration, and we should be sympathetic.

Last, the BNL budget overall has gone slightly down. But this may not reflect all project related funds. The data are quite confusing.

For those who really want to dig into this, all of this data is to be made available on GITHUB.

Best Regards,
Milind Diwan